

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-19, and 21-27 are presented for further examination. Claims 1, 3-5, 19 and 21 have been amended. Claims 2 and 20 have been canceled, and claims 22-27 are new.

In the Office Action mailed March 18, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 8-18 and found claims 2-7, 20, and 21 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,945,769 ("Sidner et al."). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Sidner et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,874,675 ("Edmans et al.").

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 2. Thus, claim 1 is now claim 2 rewritten into independent form and is allowable. Claims 3-5 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Dependent claims 3-7 are allowable by virtue of the allowability of claim 1 as well as for the additional features recited therein.

Claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 20. Thus, claim 19 is now dependent claim 20 rewritten into independent form and is allowable, as is dependent claim 21, which has been amended to depend from claim 19.

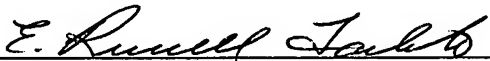
New claims 22-27 depend from allowed claim 14 and are allowable by virtue of the allowance of claim 14 as well as for the additional features recited therein.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in this application are now in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at (206) 622-4900 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing this case to issuance is respectfully solicited.

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The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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